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Dear Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council,

I have recently become aware of that there is a request for Rent Subsidies supporting individuals with developmental disabilities being considered at the Regional budget process.

Community Living Central York is very interested in rent subsidies to expand housing, currently on hold, as rent subsidies is a major component to support our clients housing needs, even as we strive to support the bricks and mortar.

As Chair, York Region Community Planning Council (approx. 19 agencies providing services to families/individuals with developmental services), rent subsidies would add value and expand housing supports for many agencies. If this is considered at York Region as a potential program with funding I hope and request that there is a fair and equitable process for the clients of all organizations working in this sector.

Best Regards,

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